

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 were pending in the present application. This supplemental amendment amends Claims 1, 7, and 8 and adds new Claims 9-14. Accordingly, Claims 1-14 are currently under consideration.

The amendment to Claim 1 is supported, for example, at page 5, line 30 to page 6, line 5 in the specification as filed. Claims 7 and 8 are amended to be independent claims incorporating the limitations of the claims from which they previously depended. New Claims 9-14 are supported, for example, by Claims 2-7 as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Amendments to the claims are not to be construed as a dedication to the public of any subject matter of the claims as previously presented.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of contacting Applicants' attorney by telephone on May 11, 2006 to discuss pending claims 1-8, Applicants' March 22, 2006 response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2005, and references cited in that Office Action. In that conversation and a subsequent conversation on May 17, 2006 the Examiner agreed that Claims 1-14 presented herein are patentable.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 245402008500. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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